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CHINESE FIGHTERS CONTINUE THEIR DEFENSIVE PATROLLING ALONG THE SINO-VIETNAMESE BORDER, BUT THE FIGHTING APPEARS TO HAVE TEMPORARILY EASED. THE CHINESE PRESUMABLY ARE USING THE RESPITE TO CONSOLIDATE THEIR RECENT GAINS IN THE LAO CAI AND CAO BANG AREAS AND TO RESUPPLY AND REPOSITION THEIR FORCES FOR THE NEXT ROUND OF ATTACKS. CHINESE FORCES ARE MASSING ALONG THE RED RIVER SOUTHEAST OF LAO CAI AND IN THE DONG DANG LANG SON AREA IN THE NORTHEAST. THE VIETNAMESE HAVE MOVED HEAVY EQUIPMENT AND REINFORCEMENTS TO BOTH AREAS, AND

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